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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" About the hereditary nature of the village officers, the Hon. Minister said that certain people did not like it and certain others wanted it. It is not a question of people demanding it or not. The Constitution says that there should not be hereditary nature about fundamental rights. So, there cannot be this hereditary system of appointing village officials. Will the Government realize this and rectify the defect in the present system? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I have already stated, Sir, that certain recommendations have been made with regard to this by the Land Reforms Committee and they have been considered. When the appropriate instalment of Land Reforms comes up before the House this will also perhaps find a place."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, the estate karnams are taken into service only after their passing the survey training and as such where is the necessity to ask them to undergo training once again? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Now orders have been passed that they will not be required to have re-training. Only in cases where it is absolutely necessary, it will be prescribed. It won't be insisted upon as a matter of course as it was done till now."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Is the huge financial commitment the only reason for not giving the village officers a rise in the salary? Will not the Government be pleased to give them at least the medical and educational concessions now given to other non-gazetted officers? I am sure the financial commitment in this respect will be much less."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, this also forms part of the larger question of tackling the problem of village officers."

Extension of electricity to Gingee taluk.

* 1843 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether since questions Nos. 43 and 511 were answered on 4th March and 5th May 1954, respectively, any arrangements have been made for extending electrical power to Gingee taluk?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The major scheme for extension of supply to Gingee, Avalurpet, Kapalambadi and Melmalayanur villages in Gingee taluk is programmed for execution early in 1955–56 and further extensions in the taluk will be feasible only after the completion of the scheme."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would take necessary steps to see that the power is supplied to the headquarters of the Gingee taluk even before the end of the financial year? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is what I have replied in my original answer, Sir; that is, further extensions in the taluk will be feasible only after the completion of the major scheme, namely, extension of supply to Gingee, Avalurpet, Kapalambadi and Melmalayanur villages in Gingee taluk."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know when it will be started? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is proposed to start the scheme early in 1955–56."

T.A. of members attending Prohibition Committee meetings.

* 1844 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the amount of public money spent on travelling allowance of members attending Prohibition Committee meetings during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Rs. 16,740–2–6."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the huge amount spent on the travelling allowances, are the Government aware of the fact that the recommendations made by these committees are not being implemented even though in most cases they are found to be sensible? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If the hon. Member can cite one instance where the recommendation of any committee has not been implemented, the Government would be glad to go into the matter and see what can be done in the matter."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" மதுவிலக்குக் கமிட்டிக் கூட்டங்கள் சட்டசபைக் கூட்டங்கள் நடக்கும்போது கூட்டப்படுவதினால் சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் அதிலே கலந்து கொள்ள முடியாமலிருக்கிறது. சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் மதுவிலக்குக் கமிட்டிக் கூட்டங்களில் கலந்துக்கொள்ள கூடிய முறையில், சட்டசபைக் கூட்டம் இல்லாத காலங்களில், மதுவிலக்குக் கமிட்டியைக் கூட்டுமாறு சர்க்கார் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகளுக்குத் தாக்கீது அனுப்புவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I shall consider that suggestion, Sir."